

I CLAIM:

1. A decoy stand comprising:

a base;

a pivot rod extending substantially normal to the base;

a mounting plate configured to couple with a decoy and pivot about the pivot rod; and

an arm extending from the base coupling the pivot rod to the base and configured to

bend to provide a first motion to the decoy.

2. The decoy stand of claim 1, wherein the arm is configured to twist to provide a

second motion to the decoy.

3. The decoy stand of claim 2, further comprising a control mechanism

configured to selectively adjust the sensitivity of the arm to bending and twisting forces

thereby damping motion in the decoy.

4. The decoy stand of claim 3, wherein the control mechanism adjusts to lock-

down the arm eliminating bending and twisting motion in the arm.

5. The decoy stand of claim 4, wherein the control mechanism comprises:

a block sized to fit between the arm and the base; and

a lock clip configured to secure the block in place.

6. The decoy stand of claim 2, wherein the arm includes a cantilevered arm.

7. The decoy stand of claim 1, wherein the base includes a closed ring structure.

8. The decoy stand of claim 7, wherein the base includes a crosspiece connecting opposed sides of the closed ring, and wherein the crosspiece includes the arm configured to simulate motion under a load.

9. The decoy of claim 8, wherein the arm is spaced a distance (L) apart from the cross-piece, and wherein (L) is selected to limit the maximum displacement of the arm.

10. The decoy stand of claim 1, wherein the base includes an H-shaped structure.

11. The decoy of claim 10, wherein the base includes at least one aperture configured to accommodate a stake for securing the base.

12. The decoy stand of claim 1, wherein the pivot rod includes a rounded point end adapted to be received by a corresponding concave cup in the mounting plate to minimize the frictional resistance to pivoting.

13. The decoy stand of claim 12, further comprising a pivot resistance assembly configured to bias a mounted decoy to a predetermined orientation.

14. The decoy of claim 13, wherein the pivot resistance assembly comprises:

- a biasing member;
- a retention structure attached to the mounting plate configured to secure part of the biasing member to the mounting plate; and
- at least one retainer notch positioned on the pivot rod configured to secure part of the biasing member to the mounting plate.

15 The decoy stand of claim 14, wherein the pivot resistance assembly includes:

- a plurality of retainer notches positioned at discrete distances from the mounting bracket; and
- the biasing member includes an elastic ring configured to attach to the retention structure and attached to one of the plurality of retainer notches, wherein attaching the elastic ring to a retainer notch further from the mounting bracket results in a larger magnitude bias toward the predetermined orientation.

16 The decoy stand of claim 14, wherein the pivot resistance assembly includes two biasing members.

17. The decoy stand of claim 1, wherein the pivot rod includes a releasable coupling structure and the arm includes a complementary retaining structure.

18. The decoy stand of claim 17, wherein the releasable coupling structure includes:

at least one prong extending from a coupling end of the pivot rod configured to releasably attach the pivot rod with the arm; and

a male-type key structure shaped to mate with a corresponding female-type key structure of the retaining structure.

19. The decoy stand of claim 18, wherein the corresponding retaining structure includes:

a female-type key structure shaped to receive the male-type key structure; and

at least one receiving structure configured to receive the at least one prong.

20. A decoy stand configured to respond to wind by enabling life-like motion in a decoy mounted thereon, the decoy stand comprising:

a base configured to prevent the decoy from tipping over;

a pivot rod extending substantially normal to the base and configured to enable the decoy to pivot about a substantially vertical axis;

a mounting plate configured to couple with the decoy and pivot about the pivot rod;

and

an arm extending from the base coupling the pivot rod to the base and configured to bend to provide a first motion to the decoy.

21. A decoy stand configured to respond to wind by enabling life-like motion in a decoy mounted thereon, the decoy stand comprising:

- a base means for preventing the decoy from falling over;
- a pivot means for enabling the decoy to pivot about a substantially vertical axis;
- a mounting means for coupling the decoy with the base means; and
- a support means for bending to provide a first motion and a second motion to the decoy.